

# Afro-American Courier

Our Motto: "Let Down the Bucket Where You Are"

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## MOUND BAYOU MEETING A SUCCESS

The great mass meeting and membership drive held at Mound Bayou Friday night, Oct. 30th, was a success. Owing to illness, the Custodian could not be present. A feeling of sympathy spread over the house when the sad news was broken. However, new spirit was gained and the program went on. In spite of the quick change in the weather, Afros came from afar to witness the program. Special mention must be made of Lambert Lodge at Lambert; Mt. Horeb Lodge at Hollandale; Mt. Pisgah Lodge at Stovall; Oak Ridge Lodge at Clarksdale and St. Peter Lodge, at Leland. These distant Afros braved the cold and threatening rain to answer to the call.

Some could not come but mailed applications to make the meeting a success. I refer to Dunleith Lodge; Pleasant Valley Lodge, Nitta Yuma; Edwards Lodge, Columbus and Mt. Pisgah Lodge, Stovall.

Mr. P. G. Lee, Supreme Organizer and Mr. D. W. Kelly, Grand Lecturer, were present and made touching remarks. Mrs. Cora Webber, Miss Sadie Tucker and Miss Estella Redmond, Records in the home office, came to boost the meeting. Mr. L. P. Gipson, Supreme Inspector for South Mississippi and efficient office manager, was present and spoke for the custodian.

The Green and Thomas Drug Store prize for the highest number of applications over 20, went to Mrs. Mattie Mullins, F. S. Cleveland Lodge No. 2. The Norman Drug Store prize for the largest attendance from any one Lodge went to Mrs. Essie Brown, F. S. New Jerusalem Lodge, Drew. Second prizes of jars of Dandee Hair Dressing were given.

The following nearby lodges turned out in full numbers: Boyle, Cleveland No. 1 and 2, New Jerusalem, Della, Beautiful Star, Wanderers Home, Searcy and Mound Bayou.

George Richardson, president of St. Peter Lodge Leland, was detained in her city until 9:30 a. m., but came so that juvenile member, Miss Hellen Hatchet, might appear on program.

Those who brought applications, were:

Mrs. Mattie Mullins, F. S. Cleveland No. 2	22
Mr. J. W. McNutt, President New Jerusalem	13
Mrs. George Richardson, President St. Peter, Leland	11
Mrs. Lula Parter, F. S. Cleveland No. 1	10
Mr. J. M. Turner, F. S. Mt. Horeb, Hollandale	9
Mrs. John Haley, President Edwards Lodge, Columbus	7
Mrs. Nancy Hollidy, Stovall	4
Mrs. F. L. Simmons, F. S. Dunleith	3
Mrs. Easter Imes, F. S. Pleasant Valley	2
Mrs. Fannie B. Adams, F. S. Della Lodge	2

Total Number ..... 83

Mayor E. A. Green's welcome address had all Afros to know that they are always welcome to Mound Bayou at any time and on any occasion. The next big Afro meeting will probably be the Hospital Anniversary. Let your name and lodge appear in the application columns.

ISAIAH E. EDWARDS,  
Supreme Inspector and Reporter.

## ITINERARY OF REV. F. S. WILSON

December 2, Oak Grove No. 568, Frank Swan, F. S. Route 1, Box 170, Benton.

December 3, Old Liberty No. 571, P. Pearson, F. S. Route 1, Box 108, Benton.

December 4, Pleasant Green No. 327, W. R. Robinson, Box 26, Silver City.

December 5, Silver City No. 391, Martha Bowman, F. S. Box 94, Silver City.

December 6, Pleasant Green No. 333, G. W. Day, F. S. Route 1, Box 18, Sharon.

December 8, Ruby No. 588, Sophia Young, F. S., Phillips, Miss.

December 10, Zion Watch No. 320, Susie Williams F. S. Route 1, Box 89, Minter City.

December 11, New Hope No. 257, Alice A. Moore, F. S. Box 416, Minter City.

December 12, Sweet Home No. 436, Lena Williams, F. S., Route A, Box 91, Swiftown.

December 13, Pleasant Gift No. 335, Clara B. Cheeks, F. S. Canton.

December 14, New Mt. Zion No. 258, W. G. Cole, F. S. 184 Maple St., Jackson.

December 16, West Field No. 304, Emma Epps, F. S. Route 2, Box 90, Tchula.

December 17, Piney Springs No. 869, Lexington, Miss.

December 18, Poplar Springs, No. 346, Virginia Adams, F. S. Route 1, Box 110, Lexington.

December 20, Pine Grove No. 974, Phillip Pate, F. S. Route 3, Lexington.

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December 4, Anguilla No. 8, S. R. Perkins, Anguilla.

December 6, Mt. Hart No. 139, Beatrice Redmond, Lexington.

December 7, Cameta No. 490, Lucinda Green, Cameta.

December 8, Moore No. 8, Lee Ford, Tchula.

December 9, Rose Hill No. 577, R. C. Adams, Sartatia.

December 10, Willow Grove No. 288, Lanear Steadway, Sidon.

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## NOTICE!

### Hospital Anniversary

Since the regular anniversary day of the Hospital comes within Christmas week, we are going to celebrate the anniversary with Christmas cheer. The hospital celebration will be held at the St. Paul M. B. Church, Cleveland, Miss., Monday evening, December 28th, at 1:00 o'clock. Every lodge in the jurisdiction of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters must make a contribution to this celebration. The F. S. of each lodge is asked to bring or send at least five applications from his or her lodge. Write none over 45 years of age. Keep half of the joining fee for your trouble. It is expected that all lodges send a delegation. Those who just can't attend, send applications and half of joining fee to Prof. I. E. Edwards, Mound Bayou, Miss. He is chairman of the application committee, and will see that your lodge is read out in the meeting. The name of each lodge and F. S. will appear in next issue of the paper. Each lodge, regardless of distance or state, is expected to send five applications. Start now and get them to Prof. Edwards on time.

The city church will be well heated for your comfort. An elaborate program will be rendered. Speakers from both races all over the state will be on program. All ex-hospital patients are urged to be present.

We all should be proud of our hospital and the wonderful work it is doing. Think of the many patients that have regained their health from this institution of health—the only Negro fraternal hospital in the state.

## FULLY 2,000 PEOPLE WILL BE PRESENT

The public and members of other fraternal organizations are invited. The President and F. S. of each lodge must bring at least ten applications. BIG CASH PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN. START NOW! Write members for \$1.00 for \$500.00 policy. It's 50c for our new \$150.00 policy. Age limit 45 years. Report all applications to I. E. Edwards, Mound Bayou. If you cannot attend, mail applications and half of joining fee to I. E. Edwards, Mound Bayou, Miss., before the meeting. All Afros wear badges and fezzes where possible. Supplies will be on sale. COME EARLY IN THE DAY!

## A LIFE OF SERVICE

When we consider the different phases of this life we must conclude that service is the one factor that endears man to his fellow man, as well as to his God. When we read the history of mankind—both ancient and profane, we find that man is a rational creature; bound by a silver cord of human justice to that of his fellow man. In studying the records of history and the literature of the human family, we find that the reformers of all the ages have striven to establish justice between nations, justice between races, and justice between men; thereby serving a common end to his fellow man.

If it were possible to call up the men of note who have gone before us, they would sing out in cheerful sounds that a life of service is the only life worth while. George Washington, the great American statesman, endeared himself to his country, to his fellow men, and he is loved by the world because he lived a life of service. Never would he have been known to the people of this generation nor would he have been known to the previous generations, nor the generations to come, had he not lived a life of service to all.

Lincoln, the saviour of the nation would have gone to the Great Beyond without the pages of literature graced by his imperishable name, if it had not been for the service that he rendered to his country and fellow men.

The late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, the embodiment of Americanism—the black man's friend, rendered a lasting service to the world when his broad and liberal heart uttered the famous words, "Give every man a square deal." Again the idea of industrial education as advanced and accomplished by Booker T. Washington has revolutionized the educational thought of the world and the youths of the civilized world are being prepared for life service as never before.

No mortal ever lived whose life service is greater than our own, Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs, the founder of the National Training School, located in Washington, D. C. Miss Burroughs can justly be called the greatest woman on the American continent.

Let us not forget the service that we owe our race. I am ready to admit that we owe a duty to all people, but our racial duties must be adjusted in order that we may enjoy the blessing of Christian civilization.

It is said that each race in the world loves its own best. Let us follow their example and join with them in the great movements to make the world better.

The church is the greatest organization on earth; that organization that led men on to a better service. If we desire to do great service; serve that organization that is destined to moralize and christianize the human family. Serve that organization that is overcoming the social prejudice that has engulfed mankind.

Since Jesus Christ came in this world to serve, why can't we serve? Serving God is our supreme task; we being created in Jesus Christ for a "Life of Service."

So it is and so it goes in every phase of life, that service is the one big ideal that every human being strives to obtain. Now as this is a new day and a new actor is on the stage of life, let us all meet our responsibilities; and do our bit in serving; henceforth making the world a better place for man to live. If we do our part, we can say as the poet has said:

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us  
Footprints on the sand of time."

ESTELLA M. REDMOND.



L. P. Gipson, Manager of the Office, Supreme Inspector, Louisiana and South Mississippi

The office duties of the Custodian have not suffered in regularity from the regular routine, as his son-in-law, L. P. Gipson, has exercised his competency in handling the many affairs of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters office.

## ITINERARY OF D. W. KELLY

### Supreme Organizer and Grand Lecturer

December 1, Boyle No. 159, F. Roberts, Box 226, Boyle.

December 2, Rosebud No. 589, J. W. Price, Ruleville, Box 434.

December 3, New Hope No. 240, G. B. Donley, Blaine.

December 4, New Mt. Zion No. 243, Willie Walker, Drew.

December 1, Old Morning Star, No. 672, Charles Adams, Leland.

December 8, F. S. Lee, No. 354, W. E. Edwards, Darlove.

December 9, Percy No. 401, Emma Miller, Percy.

December 10, Cameta No. 490, Lucinda Green, Cameta.

December 11, Booker T. Washington No. 171, M. S. Hazard, Itta Bena.

December 14, Coleman No. 496, Lizzie Dilce, Route 1, Box 85, Tutwiler.

December 17, Flying Eagle No. 525, Millie Barnes, Indianola, Box 73-B.

December 14, St. Peter No. 612, Jennie Crawford, Cruger.

December 15, Spring Ridge No. 458, F. C. Carson, Goodman.

December 16, Phillip No. 347, Perlean Gregory, Phillip.

December 17, Shellmound No. 384, James Ambrose, Schlatter.

December 18, Sharon Chapel No. 1012, L. L. Cullough, Sharon.

December 21, Canton No. 498, E. R. Nash, Canton.

December, Mt. Pisgah No. 111, A. D. Barned, Canton.

December 23, Dry Ridge, G. H. Collins, Pinola.

December 29, Mt. Olive, No. 856, Irene Graham, Mt. Olive.

December 30, Silver Creek No. 437, W. R. Robinson, Silver Creek.

December 37, Sumrall, No. 2706 Fannie Smith, Sumrall.

## THE RESULTS OF THE VISITS OF SUP. LECT. SPENCER HOWARD

On October 16, I visited Camden Lodge, Mrs. G. V. Simpson, F. S. and that started the ball rolling. We had a grand time considering the short notice of the meeting. I was glad to find that the people had such co-operated spirit. As we know nothing can succeed without co-operation. We can never forward the tide of elevation unless we learn true co-operation.

On October 17 I visited Big Sunflower Lodge and we had another jubilee. Mr. W. K. Davis being F. S., I must thank him for his hospitality.

On October 19 I visited Durant Lodge, Mrs. C. A. Williams, F. S. and they made everything pleasant.

On October 20 I visited D. Roby Lodge, D. Roby F. S. and they made everything pleasant, also. We added some new members at each meeting.

I know by now you have heard of the illness of the Custodian, but the efficiency of the field force has held the banner up. We have kept up his Itinerary with wonderful results.

I must mention Lexington Lodge No. 549, Mrs. Annie Scarborough, F. S. How loyal they treated me while I was with them. I must thank them for the present. We added 15 new members that night. I appreciate the hospitality of all Lodges I visited. Let all be Afro boosters as the life of the organization depends wholly on those that are members.

I further want to thank every lodge that my Itinerary of December to turn out in full numbers. I will bring. Talk up the message that I am bringing. We are expecting at least 2,000 people. Each member make his F. S. and presence expected to be there soon.

## CUSTODIAN SUFFERS

The Custodian was suffering from a severe attack of influenza for the past three weeks. It was a severe attack. He has had the flu for three weeks. Miller and others with the flu were very serious, he seemed to have not been allowed to talk as it is necessary that he be present.

## FIELD WORK

The organizers and deacons have been working for the past four weeks.

to recommend that \$150.00 be given for those policies have been recommended. A \$150.00 policy is competent to know that the foresight of the order has served the order and has had to do with the

status of the Negro race, in the Afro-American Sons & Daughters have been re-habilitated where the helpless victims by real estate sharks, phans have been able to lift their heads, immorality and maintain a reputable of their respective vicinities. The economic people is that of a wage earner, but to, and, have helped many Negro problems of job food and clothing referred to, has come to seekers of in the midst of despair. It has those who were struggling for insurance. Like unto Moses, Israel when surrounded, led them across the Red Sea. Huddleston has exemplified of the darkness of the & Daughters by in

of the greatest opportunity. With Hospital protection, to do service to mankind, ment to its founder, pointing light of health and usefulness any man be to a race of the needy and applying our members are aware of their incomes or accumulated funds are doing their bit, for their own protection and by their faith in their leader. Yet, there are some groups spotted about over the State of Mississippi to feel that the race can prosper by grouping off to themselves. Now, it is time for the Negro race as a whole to know that the progress of the race in a general way depends upon the cooperation of those selfish groups.

The desires of the race to better its condition within its own sphere, might be lightened with hopeful rays shining from the bright lights of those who, history records as leaders, and moreover, pioneers in their adventures. Considering their environments and disadvantages in their educational pursuits. Our appreciation for what they did shall always be expressed, and the children of the on-coming generation shall know their deeds as stepping stones to higher ground. It was only through the organized efforts that the 54th Massachusetts crossed the bloody sand of Ft. Wagner, climbed the belching ramparts, endured the awful intimacy of the bayonets' charge, fought their way to victory while "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground". Unlike such a battle with swords, we must fight, but, a spiritual and moral battle, in order "The Old Flag of Race Cooperation Shall Never Touch the Ground."

L. P. GIPSON.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

The nation has just celebrated one of the greatest days in its history. It was in the year 1620, when the Pilgrims landed in this country. After a year of severe hardship, after almost starvation from bad crops, and after other difficulties confronting them, they were grateful to God that during the following year, 1621, He smiled upon them in terms of bounteous harvest and a very prosperous year. So that they bowed their heads and gave thanks to God for the many blessings that He had bestowed upon them.

Moreover, we as Afro-Americans should be thankful to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. We should be thankful for health and strength which will enable us to earn a livelihood. We should be thankful for the churches, the schools, and the homes which are playing such vital parts in the education of our youth for life's usefulness. Above all, we should be thankful to God who has made possible this powerful and good organization, its hospital, its leadership, and its able physicians with their host of colleagues and assistants.

Fraternalty yours,  
T. J. HUDDLESTON, Jr.,  
Manager, Royal Special Delivery

## Dandee Chemical Company Gives Prize at Meeting

Out of the organization, the Dandee Chemical Company gave a prize at the meeting. Dandee Chemical Company gave a prize at the meeting. Dandee Chemical Company gave a prize at the meeting.